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THE WOMEN IN SERVICE

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THE SAGA OF LOU KNOWLES

This is the story of Louis Knowles. Remember Louis? He used to work in the Purchasing Office, Management Division, on the Fourth floor. That is, until he joined the Maritime Service.

Louis' desk used to be in the same room as the REA Travel Office, and every day Louis would listen (unintentionally) to REAers who came in to arrange trips to any and all points of the country. As he sat there, he must have envied the people who were able to travel all over, see new places and things.

But Louis need envy them no longer. Now that he has completed his first round trip to England, Louis can sit back and talk about far-off places with the best of them.

Let's let him tell it in his own words:

"After graduating from the Maritime Service Training School at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., I was shipped to Ludington, Mich., where I worked on the Pere Marquette ferries operating between Ludington and Milwaukee. Old Lake Michigan is cold and rough in December and there was not much adventure, so I decided to ship out of Boston.

"Sailed out of Boston on a new Liberty Ship (S.S. Hannibal Hamlin.) We went through the Cape Cod canal to New York where we took on a deck cargo of airplanes. Finally our convoy sailed via the Azores, taking the Southern route to England. We turned north, came down the Irish Sea to Liverpool, and discharged our cargo. Then we went to Cardiff, Wales.

"Cardiff is a beautiful city with a large castle bordering the main street. Transportation consists of double deck trams and double deck trolley-buses. Fare is one penny (2¢.)

"In London I visited Hyde Park, heard the speakers there, saw the "Changing of the Guard", strolled through Westminster Abbey, crossed London Bridge, saw the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Charles' Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop", Picadilly Circus, Scotland Yard and No. 10 Downing Street. I also experienced an air raid, mostly incendiary bombs.

"Back in the States now, and waiting for another assignment on another vessel."

And that, Roll Call readers, is the saga of Louis Knowles, who used to work in the same office as the REA Travel Office, on the fourth floor.

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME,
DESPITE THE BRITISH
HOSPITALITY

"The people over here are very nice to me but don't get me wrong -- there's no place like home," writes Pvt. Wilbert Clark from somewhere in England. "I wish that I were back in the States but it so happens that there is a war going on. But, we will all be home again, after it's over."

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AL STERN HAS A
MOUSTACHE; SPRING HAS.
COME TO ENGLAND

The postman had scarcely left the Roll Call office when a letter he left began jumping up and down. We opened it and found another deathless missive from Lt. Al Stern.

"Tell me thousands of admirers and faithful correspondents that spring is here, I have a moustache, and how is my old swivel chair? Tell everybody I love 'em madly!"

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GOING UP!

This is a list of REAers who have been promoted in rank. When YOU get your new stripe please let us know. Write the ROLL Call, 661 Boatmen's Bank Bldg., St. Louis (2), Mo.

1st Lt. Eugene Manning
Cpl. John L. Sanokar
T/3 Sidney J. Gutman
Lt. S. Houston Lay, USNR
Pfc. Sydney A. Berger
Cpl. Albert B. Gerber
Lt. Henry C. Bauer

THE HOME FIRES

The Cards and Browns play their first exhibition game today (April 8) at Sportsman's Park . . . Jefferson Blues will soon be switched from the Army Air Forces to the Army Service Forces. . . Pvt. Lawrence L. Biondi, former St. Louisan now at Camp Berkeley is reported to have collected 800 bottles of whiskies, liqueurs and wines during the last 15 years and hasn't opened a one. . . The Wellston Movie Theater burned down last week. Nobody hurt. . . Municipal Opera will open on June first.

FINANCE ROLLS UP HIGHEST RED G

The Finance Division came out on top in the contribution of \$720, which topped Design and most \$170.

The collection by divisions:

Finance	\$720.00	Office of Administrator	
Design and Construction	558.50	Management	
Solicitor's Office	459.50	Technical Standards	
Applications and Loans	419.00	Personnel	
Co-op Operations	341.50	Information	
Grand Total Collected in REA:		\$3413.25	

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH REA

We hope solid reading matter doesn't give you a headache but you folks have been writing the Roll Call so many letters that we have to do this to crowd them all in. . . . Sid Gutman has hit upon a novel idea: he mimeographs a personal letter to all his friends and relatives and sends them each a copy. . . Sid asked us to try to identify a young lady he exchanged office memos with back in April, 1942. She has olive skin and dark hair, and Sid wants to take up where he left off. If she sees this, we'll be glad to give her Sid's address. . . Elmer Eriksson is auditing in the Army, which ought to make him feel right at home; he's a former REA financier. . . Cliff Kurth has what sounds like an interesting job: he photographs V-Mail in the land of the fuzzy-wuzzies. . . . Phil Widman, recently arrived in Britain via banana-boat, quaffs nut-brown ale, eats crumpets, and sends regards to former crony Arnold Hoag. . . . Landy Altman, Dave Askegaard, and Al O'Donnell got together recently in England. . . Paul Carroll's over there too, and says he's having trouble learning to drive on the left side of the road. . . . Two Army years, says John L. Samokar, are not ordinary years. He's been away from REA that long and overseas a year and a half. . . . Orville Zastrow writes that he is on a tip of North Carolina that hasn't yet decided whether it wants to be land or sea. He says he is bothered by wind, rain, mosquitoes, fleas and second lieutenants. . . . Back in Hawaii is Eugene Manning after a couple months in the States. Says many of the fellows in his company are Texas A&M friends of Robbie Barnes. . . . Correction: Eugene Meyer goes into the Navy, not the Army as we reported last issue. He'll be a C.P.O. . . . Rod Waldron says he'll bring us a scalp when he returns. The censor snipped out the scalp identification but we get the idea. . . . Are Sam Saltman and Bill Riley within visiting distance? Both of them wrote us that they were included in that Presidential Citation for meritorious service in transporting cargo over "The Hump" (Burma Air Road). Their addresses are in that list we sent everybody recently. . . Harold Park, boarding with family in Washington, has met Severine, Oeltjen, and Thiesfield. Also former REAers Doyle, Saponaro, Craddock, and Potamkin. Also just missed seeing F. J. Sette at WPB.

REAers in Australia might call on W. H. Connolly, Engineer & Manager, Electrical Supply Dep't, 238 Flinders St., Melbourne. He wrote REA recently, asking for information on rural electrification. . . Graham Hunter has seen a lot of the world since leaving St. Louis. He's in New Guinea now. . . . Russ Rehm dropped in here on a quick inspection trip. After it's over, he'll be stationed in Philadelphia. . . Tom Maguire has had trouble with the English monetary exchange but, after a couple poker games, he says he can make change with the best of them. . . . Herman Kuchler has come North from Louisiana and is now in the Engineer Depot at Granite City, Ill., just a stone's throw (if you're strong) from St. Louis. . . Murl Dervage visited the Pentagon recently and got lost. He's living in Dayton, Ohio now. (For protection??) . . . The most American thing Don Basler has seen in England is the five-and-ten (except that over there they call them the three-and-six-pence) . . . George Scherrer has completed his Fort Schuyler training (he gained 12 lb. there) and is now entering Princeton for radar work. . . . In his spare time John Atkinson is building an electric dish-washer. . . Jim McCutchen is recovering from an attack of malaria. Jim says he likes cleaning rifles, inspections, all-night hikes but his letter is dated April first! . . . Bruce Watkins is training for advanced base duty. Meanwhile he spends his spare time painting his apartment "until the paint runs out of my ears" . . .

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